

HERO OF EL CANEY ASSUMES COMMAND GEN. YOUNG NOW IN CHARGE OF THE FIRST DIVISION.

Question of Probable Punishment to Runaways Discussed at Length. Corporal Lona B. Day in Charge of Squad That Is Sent Out to Arrest Absentees—General Gobin Is Not in Good Health—Sergeant Paschalis Promoted.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Camp Meade, Middletown, Pa., Sept. 14.—Major General S. B. M. Young, of the United States cavalry, and the hero of El Caney, with his right arm bandaged and in a sling, arrived here this evening, and, on tomorrow morning, will formally take command of the First division of the Second Army corps. General Gobin will then relinquish his position as acting division general and resume charge of the Third brigade.

A. Wilson Norris, the efficient adjutant general of the Third brigade, is today receiving heartfelt congratulations from all his friends, as he has just received his commission as captain. He will continue to discharge his duties as adjutant general of the brigade.

AS TO ABSENTEES.

The question of the probable punishment to be meted out to those members of the Thirteenth who left camp without leave or authorization continues to be meted out to those members of the Thirteenth who left camp without leave or authorization continues to be meted out to those members of the Thirteenth who left camp without leave or authorization.

The thirty-second article of the "Articles of War" runs as follows: "Any soldier who absents himself from his troop, battery, company or detachment without leave from his commanding officer, shall be punished as a court-martial may direct."

The tenor and effect of this are quite plain, and as a supplement to it follows Article 45: "Every soldier who deserts the service of the United States shall be liable to serve for such period as shall, with the time he may have served previous to his desertion, amount to the full term of his enlistment; and such soldier shall be tried by a court-martial and punished, although the term of his enlistment may have elapsed previous to his being apprehended and tried."

TEN DAYS THE LIMIT.

Under the "Articles of War" a man becomes a deserter, technically speaking, when he is absent, without leave, from his camp for a period of ten days, the days of his going and of his returning being both included in this compilation. In order to make this point more practical, let us take a concrete example. On Wednesday, Sept. 7, the Thirteenth regiment was paid, and on the following day men began to go home without leave. So, therefore, a soldier who left camp on Thursday, Sept. 8, must report here before next Saturday in order to prevent himself from being considered a deserter and liable to the punishment above indicated by the Forty-seventh and the Forty-eighth Articles of War.

It is not known what, if any, action is contemplated for the apprehension and punishment of the absentees; but it is generally supposed that a sharp eye is kept on themselves and on all their doings at home.

Many of the men of the Thirteenth are quite indignant at the reports printed in the Philadelphia papers to the effect that those in camp are simply awaiting a favorable opportunity to leave camp and go home. This is certainly a libel on the regiment and contains not one particle of truth. It first gives the impression that the men are anxious to make a break for liberty, and intimates that it is only the extraordinary vigilance of the sentries which keeps the men in line. This is not the fact. Those of the Thirteenth who wanted to go home so badly have gone home; those who did not so leave here, and have ample opportunity for leaving if they at all desired to do so. They pass in and out of the lines at all hours of the day and the evening, and are not halted till taps; and it is a well known fact that an soldier, who is disposed to leave camp and plans accordingly, can get beyond the limits of

the military authorities, regular or volunteer. The men of the Thirteenth, remembering all these facts, emphatically resent the insinuations printed in the papers of the city of Brotherly Love. They are not true, and tend to seriously reflect upon the discipline of the regiment and upon the good sense of the men in general.

The time of leaving camp without permission has passed. The issuing of furloughs also tends to reassure all, and those who have not yet been home will now have an opportunity to do so.

TO ARREST RUNAWAYS.

The first definite movement in regard to apprehending and punishing those who are absent without leave from the regiment was begun last night. Privates Montague, Magill and Harris, of D, struck Danville a few days ago, and, it is reported, that two of them were placed under arrest for some offense or other. This being known here, General Gobin at once made ready to fire the first gun of the campaign. He issued the following order, which is really a military warrant, for the prompt apprehension and return to camp of the young men:

Headquarters First Division, Second Army Corps, Camp Meade, Middletown, Pa., Sept. 13, 1898. Special Orders No. 57.

The commanding officer, Thirteenth regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, is authorized to send three enlisted men to Danville, Pa., for the purpose of arresting three enlisted men of Company A of the regiment who are absent without leave and reported as being in that city. The quartermaster's department will furnish transportation to Danville, and the return for the guard and from Danville to Camp Meade for the prisoners. The entire charge for transportation will be entered against the men arrested on the next muster and payment roll.

By command of Brigadier General Gobin. F. S. Strong, Assistant Adjutant General.

Colonel Coursen lost no time in having the order executed. Transportation was arranged for late last night and on the first train this morning Corporal Lona B. Day, Corporal Joseph Cleary, and Private Ralph Gregory, of D, left for Danville to carry out the instructions received from General Gobin and the Colonel Coursen in regard to the arrest of the three men. Corporal Day is in charge on account of his experience in such matters.

Special attention is called to the last clause of General Gobin's order, that which makes the prisoners liable for the prompt return of the entire charge of transportation. This, of course, does not include what fine may be imposed upon them by a court-martial. As far as is known no action has yet been taken to those absentees who are in and about Scranton.

GENERAL GOBIN ILL.

General Gobin was at division headquarters yesterday morning and attended to some matters of more or less importance. Later in the day he became ill and took a short leave of absence. It was not announced where he went, but it was understood at his headquarters that he had left for his home in Lebanon as he was not feeling well. He is expected to return in a day or two.

Quartermaster Sergeant Paul de Paschalis, of company C, has received an unexpected promotion. He has been detailed for duty at the brigade commissary and was ordered to report there this morning. He will be the brigade commissary sergeant, will have a horse always at his disposal to carry him back and forth and will receive a substantial increase in pay. Sergeant Paschalis is an expert in this line and his services will be invaluable at the brigade commissary, as they were to his company in position of quartermaster sergeant. He is receiving the congratulations of all the boys, but especially those of company C.

The many friends of Lieutenant Dodge, of E, who is in the city hospital at Harrisburg, will be glad to learn that he is doing quite well. The fever is abating and the patient growing stronger.

CAMP GOSSIP.

Edward Kelly, of Lackawanna avenue, who spent a few days in camp visiting his brother, Corporal Richard Kelley, of company D, has returned to Scranton.

Hospital Steward Sergeant Kistler, who has been with the Second battalion, has gone home on a seven-day furlough.

Company Clerk George Stuckart and Private Frank Jones, of F, claim to have the neatest and most stylish quarters in the Second battalion. It is ornamented with a large mirror, which is often inspected—not however, for the mirror's sake.

Corporals Lewis and William Derheimer, of E, left yesterday for Honesdale on furlough, and will be away one week.

Corporal William J. Horton, of Company G, left yesterday evening for his home in Montrose on a thirty-day sick furlough.

Corporal Edward Frear and Privates George Phillips, Herbert Swan, Harry Angle, Howard Davis and Martin Cunningham, of C, left camp for home Tuesday night on a seven-day furlough.

Judge Hinkley, of Danville, was expected to be here last evening to lecture in the Y. M. C. A. tent, but had to disappoint the boys.

Private Thomas Charters, of D, left for home last night on furlough, and will be away seven days.

Corporals Jones and Keller and Privates Gurrell and Roscoe, of B, left camp yesterday afternoon for home.

Private James O'Boyle, of A, attached to brigade commissary, received permission yesterday from brigade headquarters to go home for five days.

Private Hoffmeister is acting chef for Company C, and does excellent work.

Lieutenant David J. Davis, of F, was at regimental headquarters this morning on business.

Isaac Melhuish, of Burchardsville, visited his nephew, Captain Corwin, of H, yesterday and Sunday.

Private B. F. Blake, of E, has returned from home, where he was spending a thirty-day furlough. He was taken sick at Camp Alger, sent to Fort Myer hospital, discharged and furloughed from there, and was then ordered to report at Fort Columbus, New York harbor, and then returned here. He is not entirely recovered.

Private Moser, of F, is home on furlough.

Private Charles Bone, of A, has been discharged from the hospital. He had a slight touch of fever, but is now able to attend to duty.

Chef Thomas Lewis is giving good satisfaction to the members of Company A.

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Major Charles R. Parke, of Scranton, who is under arrest for neglecting to furnish descriptive lists of patients sent to Philadelphia hospital, has retained General Gobin to manage his defense.

There is much sickness among the men of the Fifteenth Pennsylvania regiment and all drills have been suspended until they are better. The boys are suffering from malarial fever contracted at Sheridan Point, where they were located before they came to this camp.

Orders were issued today forbidding general visiting of the hospitals. Relatives and friends will be admitted daily between 3 and 5 p. m., on applying to the surgeon's office. The order directing the Sixth signal corps company to report at Montauk Point to prepare to sail for Cuba has been revoked and the company will be re-located at Camp Meade.

The absent-without-leave men of the Thirteenth Pennsylvania regiment have returned and are accepting their punishment with good grace. The Twelfth Pennsylvania regiment turned in its ordnance stores today and will leave camp Friday to be mustered out. Large consignments of overcoats and blankets were received today for those regiments, ordered to secure winter equipment.

Lieutenant Colonel Stevenson, First Delaware, tendered his resignation today to Adjutant General Corbin. This leaves the regiment without a colonel or lieutenant colonel. Colonel Wickensham having resigned a week ago. Major Townsend is in command, being the ranking officer.

ECHOES OF THE WAR.

Rev. R. A. McAndrew, of St. Mary's Catholic church, Wilkes-Barre, has returned from Montauk Point, where he spent some time at the bedside of his brother, Lieutenant J. W. McAndrew, of the United States Regular Infantry. Concerning his experience there Father McAndrew says: "After several attempts to locate my brother, as the gentleman of the bureau could tell me nothing, I was obliged to seek out one of the general in command. The guard at the door was the most important man I ever met, and I concluded from his treatment that I had committed a serious crime in ever asking to see the general. Finally after a wait of three hours, I was admitted and to my relief found him to be a perfect gentleman. He gave me a pass which entitled me to the privilege of seeking my brother any place in the camp. The hospitals are so plentiful that they are bewildering. Hospital after hospital with the cots so close together that it is impossible to walk between them. It was a pitiful sight and before finding the corner reserved for the officers, I must have seen 1,500 poor fellows suffering on cots. I shall never forget it. My brother was delirious when I first saw him and his condition critical. He has rallied considerably and will recover. On Monday he is to be taken to a New York hospital. A certain hour of the afternoon is set aside for burials and it is surprising the number who already sleep on that hill which frowns above the hospitals. The Catholic and Protestant burial services take place at the same time. The horrors and the glory of war may be seen at Montauk. The gay uniform is there showing in marked contrast to the rags of the soldiers who fought. The burial trains open to allow the dashing cavalry to pass. On one side the band is playing a concert, and on the other the band is playing a dirge over the dead. No man can go there without coming away with a love in his heart for the men who faced death. Even though they never left the United States they faced danger more deadly than the guns of the enemy in this terrible fever. Yet were it to be done all over again I would tell my brother to go, as before, and if it is God's will that the fever should carry him off, I would tell that his Maker had been kind to him in permitting him to live to have had the glory of fighting for the flag as he did at Santiago."

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Colonel C. B. Dougherty, of the Ninth regiment, has recommended the following to Governor Hastings for appointments to fill the vacancies caused by the deaths of Captain Stearn and Captain Bell: Company B, Captain James C. Kenney; first lieutenant, John A. Kenney; second lieutenant, Gordon Scott. Company D, Captain, Edmund C. Hart; first lieutenant, William F. Hart; second lieutenant, Morris J. Keck.

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